

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.9705 Transfer of Michigan pharmacy and therapeutics committee to department; appointment and composition of membership; conflict of interest; terms; vacancy; powers, duties, and responsibilities of committee; reimbursement for expenses; rules; quorum; voting; meetings.**

Sec. 9705. (1) The Michigan pharmacy and therapeutics committee, established by Executive Order No. 2001-8, is transferred to the department as a type II transfer. The committee shall consist of 11 members appointed by the governor as follows:

(a) Six physicians whose practice includes patients who are eligible for medicaid. A physician appointed under this subdivision may include, but is not limited to, a physician with expertise in mental health, a physician who specializes in pediatrics, and a physician with experience in long-term care.

(b) Five pharmacists whose business includes prescriptions from individuals who are eligible for medicaid. A pharmacist appointed under this subdivision may include, but is not limited to, a pharmacist with expertise in mental health drugs, a pharmacist who specializes in pediatrics, and a pharmacist with experience in long-term care.

(2) No member of the committee shall be employed by a pharmaceutical manufacturer or have any interest directly or indirectly in the business of a pharmaceutical manufacturer which shall cause a conflict of interest. No more than 2 members appointed to the committee shall be employed by the department.

(3) Members of the committee shall serve a term of 2 years, except as otherwise provided for members currently serving on the committee on the effective date of this section. Members serving on the committee on the effective date of this section shall serve until the date on which their appointment would have expired or until October 1, 2005, whichever occurs first. A member serving on the committee on the effective date of this section whose term would have otherwise expired after October 1, 2005 may serve the remainder of his or her term if he or she meets the qualifications established under this section. The governor shall appoint an additional number of members to the committee necessary to reach 11 members as required under this section. The governor shall designate 1 member of the committee to serve as the chairperson of the committee. This member shall serve as chairperson at the pleasure of the governor. An individual appointed to serve as a physician or pharmacist member of the committee may serve only while maintaining his or her professional license in good standing. An individual physician's or pharmacist's failure to maintain his or her professional license in good standing immediately terminates that individual's membership on the committee. One example of not maintaining a professional license in good standing is if the department imposes a sanction under article 15 on a physician or pharmacist committee member. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member whom he or she is to succeed in the same manner as the original appointment. A member may be reappointed for additional terms.

(4) The committee has the powers, duties, and responsibilities prescribed in Executive Order No. 2001-8 and shall operate pursuant to and in accordance with Executive Order No. 2001-8.

(5) Members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses pursuant to the standard travel regulations of the department of management and budget.

(6) The committee may promulgate rules governing the organization, operation, and procedures of the committee. The committee shall review its policies and procedures and consider means to increase and facilitate public comment. A majority of the members serving constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The committee shall approve a final action of the committee by a majority vote of the members. A member of the committee must be present at a meeting of the committee in order to vote. A member shall not delegate his or her responsibilities to another individual.

(7) The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson and as otherwise provided in the rules promulgated by the committee or the department. The committee may meet at any location within this state. A meeting of the committee is subject to the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. The committee shall post a notice of the meeting on the department's website 14 days before each meeting date. By January 31 of each year, the committee shall make available the committee's regular meeting schedule and meeting locations for that year on the department's website. The committee may make inquiries, conduct studies and investigations, hold hearings, and receive comments from the public.

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